

National Native American Heritage Month

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This resource list includes resources for American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) early childhood programs related to culturally responsive school readiness strategies to support children and families for success in school and beyond.

Resource List

National Center on Early Childhood Development, Teaching and Learning Resources

- ◆ “A Report on Tribal Language Revitalization in Head Start and Early Head Start”: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/report-tribal-language-revitalization.pdf>
- ◆ “15-Minute In-Service Suites”: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/professional-development/article/15-minute-service-suites>
 - **Note:** the asterisk symbol (*) in this resource indicates a suite with additional materials that have been specifically designed for programs with AI/AN populations.
- ◆ *Making It Work: Implementing Cultural Learning Experiences in American Indian and Alaska Native Early Learning Settings for Children Ages Birth to 5*: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/culture-language/article/making-it-work-implementing-cultural-learning-experiences-american-indian>
 - *A Training Guide for Implementing Making It Work in Tribal Early Learning Settings*: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/making-it-work-training-implementation-guide.pdf>
 - *Implementing cultural learning experiences in AI/AN Settings: A Webinar on Making It Work*: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/video/implementing-cultural-learning-experiences-aian-settings-webinar-making-it-work>
 - *Introduction and Steps to Put Making It Work Into Practice for Children Ages Birth to Five* guide: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/no-search/making-it-work-2017.pdf>
 - *Making It Work* training materials page with PowerPoints, sample agendas, activities, and handouts: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/culture-language/article/training-guide-implementing-making-it-work-tribal-early-learning-settings>
 - One-page informational sheet: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/no-search/miw-one-pager.pdf>
 - *Section 3: Pilot Program Examples* showing different lifeways: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/making-it-work-section-03-pilot-program-examples.pdf>

- ◆ “Office of Head Start – Services Snapshot: American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) All Programs (2016–2017)”: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/service-snapshot-aian-2016-2017.pdf>
- ◆ Find additional information and resources on the National Center on Early Childhood Development, Teaching and Learning website: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/ncecdtl>

National Center on Early Childhood Health and Wellness Resources

- ◆ “Health Services to Promote Attendance”: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/health-services-management/article/health-services-promote-attendance>
 - This document identifies strategies that early childhood education programs can use to promote good attendance, which leads to lifelong learning and positive habits.
- ◆ “Healthy Children Are Ready to Learn”: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/school-readiness/article/healthy-children-are-ready-learn>
 - This 6-page handout describes how school readiness begins with health and how health supports positive learning outcomes.
- ◆ “When Health Affects Assessment”: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/physical-health/article/when-health-affects-assessment>
 - This brief explains how a child's health status may affect his or her ability to perform well on assessments and describes health factors to consider when conducting ongoing child assessment.
- ◆ Find additional information and resources on the National Center on Early Childhood Health and Wellness website: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/about-us/article/national-center-early-childhood-health-wellness-ncechw>

Coming Soon to the Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center

- ◆ “Health Strategies to Support School Readiness”: This resource discusses nine key strategies that programs can employ to ensure children enter school healthy and ready to learn.
- ◆ “Healthy Transitions to Kindergarten”: This 1-page document lists prompts to engage families and actions that can be taken to support families with children transitioning to kindergarten.

National Center on Early Childhood Quality Assurance

- ◆ “Sustaining Quality Improvement at All Levels of the Early Learning System”: <https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/resource/sustaining-quality-improvement-all-levels-early-learning-system>
- ◆ *Family and Stakeholder Engagement*: https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/gris_family_and_stakeholder_engagement_1.pdf
- ◆ *Early Learning and Development Guidelines*: https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/075_1907_state_eldgs_web_final508.pdf
- ◆ Find additional information and resources on the National Center on Early Childhood Quality Assurance website: <https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/centers/national-center-early-childhood-quality-assurance>

National Center on Parent, Family and Community Engagement

- ◆ Building Partnerships with Families Series: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/family-engagement/article/building-partnerships-families-series>
 - Explore this resource to learn more about how to build strong and effective partnerships with families that are positive, ongoing, and goal oriented.
- ◆ Tip sheets from the Research to Practice Series:
 - “Family Engagement in Transitions: Transition to Kindergarten”: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/rtp-transition-to-kindergarten.pdf>
 - “Family Engagement and School Readiness”: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/rtp-school-readiness.pdf>
- ◆ Videos
 - “Engaging Families in the Transition to Kindergarten”: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/video/engaging-families-transition-kindergarten>
- ◆ Handouts
 - “Implementing the PFCE Framework”: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/family-engagement/article/implementing-pfce-framework>
- ◆ Find additional information and resources on the National Center on Parent, Family and Community Engagement website: <https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/centers/national-center-parent-family-and-community-engagement>

National Center on Tribal Early Childhood Development Resources

- ◆ “Exploring Ideas and Innovations for Quality Activities in American Indian and Alaska Native Child Care and Development Fund Programs” presentation slides: https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/exploring_ideas_and_innovations_for_quality_activities_presentation.pdf
- ◆ “Quality Improvement Resource Page”: <https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/quality-improvement-resource-page>
- ◆ Find additional information and resources on the National Center on Tribal Early Childhood Development website: <https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/centers/national-center-tribal-early-childhood-development>

Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation Resources

- ◆ “American Indian and Alaska Native Head Start Family and Child Experiences Survey (AI/AN FACES)”: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/opre/research/project/american-indian-and-alaska-native-head-start-family-and-child-experiences-survey-faces>
- ◆ “American Indian and Alaska Native Head Start Family and Child Experiences Survey, 2015 (ICPSR 36804)”: <https://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/ICPSR/studies/36804>
 - See the AI/AN FACES 2015 study page on the Institute for Social Research website to learn more about the data and apply for access.

◆ Briefs

- *A Year in Region XI Head Start: Children's Growth and Development from the American Indian and Alaska Native Family and Child Experiences Survey 2015 (AI/AN FACES 2015):* <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/opre/resource/a-year-in-region-xi-growth-development-american-indian-alaska-native-experiences-survey-2015-ai-an-faces-2015>
- *Region XI American Indian and Alaska Native Head Start: A Portrait of Children and Families:* <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/opre/resource/region-xi-american-indian-and-alaska-native-head-start-a-portrait-of-children-and-families>

◆ Reports

- *Descriptive Data on Region XI Head Start Children and Families: AI/AN FACES Fall 2015–Spring 2016 Data Tables and Study Design:* <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/opre/resource/descriptive-data-on-region-xi-head-start-children-and-families-ai-an-faces-fall-2015spring-2016-data-tables-and-study-design>
- *Psychometric Analyses of Child Outcome Measures with American Indian and Alaska Native Preschoolers: Initial Evidence from AI/AN FACES 2015:* <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/opre/resource/psychometric-analyses-of-child-outcome-measures-with-american-indian-and-alaska-native-preschoolers-initial-evidence>

◆ Webinars

- *New Findings on Cultural and Language Experiences of Tribal Head Start Children:* <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/opre/resource/webinar-new-findings-on-culture-language-experiences-of-tribal-head-start-children-webinar>
- *Study Progress and Selected Findings from the First National Study of Tribal Head Start Programs:* <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/opre/resource/study-progress-selected-findings-from-the-first-national-study-of-tribal-head-start-programs>

Tribal Early Childhood Research Center Resources

- ◆ Native Children's Research Exchange website: www.ncreconnect.org
- ◆ Find additional information on the Tribal Early Childhood Research Center's website: <http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/PublicHealth/research/centers/CAIANH/trc/Pages/TRC.aspx>

Additional Resources

- ◆ Administration for Children and Families website: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/>
- ◆ Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center website: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/>
- ◆ Early Childhood Training and Technical Assistance System website: <https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/>
- ◆ MyPeers is a collaborative online platform for the early care and education community. Use the following link to join: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/about-us/article/mypeers-collaborative-platform-early-care-education-community>
 - Search MyPeers for the following virtual communities:
 - AI/AN Language and Culture Community
 - Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Practices Community
- ◆ Tribal Home Visiting web page: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ecd/home-visiting/tribal-home-visiting>